

REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 16 and 17 and add new claim 36. Accordingly, claims 1-26 and 29-36 are all the claims pending in the application. Newly added claim 36 is at least supported by paragraph [0054] of the specification.

Allowable claims

Claims 1-7, 29, 30 and 33-35 are allowed. Further, the Examiner indicates that claims 17-21 and 31-32 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akiyama et al. (Japanese Publication No.: 11-194316) in view of Hosokawa et al. (U.S. 4,393,380). Applicants traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants amend claim 17 to include some of the features of claim 16 and amend claim 16 to depend from claim 17 which the Examiner indicates as being allowable. In view of the above, Applicants submit that claim 16 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 17 and the additional features recited therein.

New claims

Applicants submit that new claims 36 depends from claim 16, and therefore is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency and the additional features recited therein.

Further, Applicants submit that Akiyama and Hosokawa do not teach or suggest “a common voltage generating circuit formed on the substrate adjacent to the common drive circuit.”

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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